



District 10 Lions 2025–2026

Colleen Maki, District Governor

Gary Perala, 1VDG

Chris LeBoeuf, 2VDG

CABINET MEETING MINUTES – July 5, 2025

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1. CALL TO ORDER – DG COLLEEN @10:04 “Torch” passed from IPDG Scott Kwarciany to New DG Colleen Maki.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DG Colleen Maki
3. INVOCATION – DG Colleen Maki
4. INTRODUCTIONS – DG Colleen Maki
 - a. PID Jenny Ware, Lion Doug Davis– new president of Marquette Specialty Club, Lion Janice Frizzell president of the Bay De Noc Lions Club. (Bay De Noc uses the township hall to meet so they spruced up the flower beds and the dog park next door.)
 - b. On zoom– Lion Craig Krouth from Sault St. Marie
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA–
 - a. Additions– none
 - b. IPDG Scott Kwarciany makes motion to accept the agenda, secondd by PID Jenny Ware– Motion passed.
6. INFO
 - a. 2025–2026 Cabinet Tail Twister appointment
 - i. Nomination–PDG Joe Maki nominatesPDG Jim Svinicki, supported by IPDG Scott Kwarciany– motion passed.
 - b. Heart of the North Park dedication Saturday July 19– (from the LCIF matching grant.) Details on the district website. Also in the Cabinet

meeting reports at the end. (PID Jenny Ware and IPDG Scott Kwarciany will attend.)

- c. Marquette Arts & Music Wellness Lions Club Charter Night Tuesday July 22. New Lion President Doug Davis co-founder: Tuesday at 5:30–8PM. Community based effort to support our neighbors. Idea came during the tour–da–yoop. Not seeing a great response by RSVP but a lot of verbal confirmations coming in. Sounds like about 75 people coming. Hoping to get new members from this event. Music, poetry and theatrical performances. We've got the people to do something really special and the Lions are the right platform for this.
- d. Guiding Lions– IPDG Scott Kwarciany. IPDG Scott is our newest guiding Lion, PDG Lion Joe Maki is in training and PDG Gretchen and PDG Jim Svinicki. Will be there to help clubs to organize or help clubs in trouble. Another training course will be available in the fall.
 - i. Per DG Colleen Maki– typically Lions with long term history.
 - 1. IPDG Scott Kwarciany will be working with Ishpeming.
- e. Monthly Leadership Zoom time– DG Colleen Maki
 - i. Feelings have been that 8PM is too late. What time works best?
 - ii. Can we do an email or every other month?
 - iii. DG Colleen Maki will take this into consideration.

7. REVIEW OF PAST CABINET MEETING MINUTES – LION PEGGY LINDEMAN

- a. Lion Peggy needs the General meeting minutes from Lion Wendy Burns.
- b. Lion Peggy had no requests for changes or additions.
- c. IPDG Scott Kwarciany motions to approve minutes, seconded by PDG Joe Maki– Motion Passed.

8. DISTRICT TREASURER REPORT – LION MIKE SMOCK

- a. Financial Review– DG Colleen Maki feels the budget is a living document and after pulling the garden grants– everyone wants one. So, we already need to amend the budget.
 - i. Lion Mike Smock– General Budget Review
 - 1. Approximately \$14,720 in convention revenue– broke even after convention expenses.
 - 2. All state band raffle by Bark River Lions– \$6000 in revenue which was given out to the band members going.

3. Since convention garden grants totaling \$1203 which we were not expecting.
 4. Ended year better than anticipated and fund balances look great. Account reconciliations are complete.
- ii. All State Band Raffle- ***Need to add discussion as to doing this again next year. Maybe revamp it to smaller cost per ticket and start sales earlier. Possible hand off raffle to Joe Helberg president of Gladstone Lions Club. (Also a band teacher.)
 1. Dissolving of the Lions in D10 and distribution of assets needs to be officially written in to the by laws so the district can file for the License. Motion passed at convention, the by laws just need to be amended.
 2. Per PID Jenny Ware- they are setting a committee to look at the handling of the raffle for next year.
 3. PID Jenny Ware and IPDG Scott Kwarciany are both board members for the Michigan All State Band.
 - iii. Motion made to accept the Treasurers report by 1VDG Gary Perala, Seconded by 2VDG Chris LeBoeuf - Motion passed.
- b. (New) Request for \$500 donation from District to assist the new Marquette Specialty Club with Charter Night- 1VDG Gary Perala
 - i. Support for the Charter Night- expenses for use of the Northern event center, etc.
 1. DG Colleen Maki- Are you asking people to pay to attend?
 - a. 1VDG Gary Perala- Pass the hat and an appeal at the event.
 - b. PID Jenny Ware- Donation based? (Yes)
 - c. Lion Jenny- Bay de Noc hasn't had charter night yet, but most clubs will donate to the newly chartered clubs.
 - d. PDG Gretchen Preston- MQT club is sponsoring, and as the sponsor the MQT club will provide a check for \$500 to get the club started.
 - e. PDG Joe Maki- send out a request to all the clubs. Most clubs will send in a donation.
 - f. PID Jenny- Instead a blank request- maybe specifically to cover cost of room request.

- g. Lion Doug Davis– possibly looking at around \$1500– room rental, food, banners.
- h. Lion MikeSmock– If we start this– how do we make it fair to all clubs. Not all clubs are going to be the same size and or need the same amount of funds for charter night. A flat fee does not feel appropriate as clubs will be different sizes, etc. Perhaps we look at waiving the first years district dues.
- i. IPDG ScottKwarciany– varying opinions for this. I can see where we could have some skin in the game to support clubs, but again the event costs could vary. We would need to consider adding something to our by–laws to cover this.
- j. DG Colleen– Not budgetted, only chartered one club in last 5 years, needs to be part of policies. Need to treat this like an “out going governors dinner” and the donations given to them.
- k. Lion Craig Krouth– when we have a new club being chartered, there maybe clubs making a donation and if this is important enough to the district– then funds from the admin funds sends the message to all the clubs that this is important to the district.
- l. pDG Joe Maki– If you paid dues for the year– remember that we cut the dues to the clubs that paid early.
- m. IPDG Scott– We know you have to have 20 members to charter at \$20 per member in dues– we can say that we give the club \$200 and then waive their dues the first year.
- n. DG Colleen– Do we have to make a policy change?
- o. IPDG Scott– We can make the decision now and then change the policy.
- p. DG Colleen– How do we charge the dues.
- q. IPDG Scott– We charge club dues, just not district dues.

- r. Lion Doug Davis– I am ready to cover the event costs myself, but would appreciate any support. We are trying to be different and unique to generate excitement. Making this about more than just about the Lions, but also marquette and serving your neighbor. The board members are also pitching in.
 - s. DG Colleen– I don't want this to be denied.
 - t. IPDG Scott purposes District waives the dues for the newly chartered clubs at \$10 for each chartered member for 90 days from the date of the charter, for the first district year. Any members after that would be billed.
 - u. Lion Doug– \$35 initiation fee, \$5 per month per member.
 - v. DG Colleen– Minimum amount is \$60/person and then any club dues after that.
 - w. Motion on floor to make policy change and acknowledge existence of new clubs by waiving their district dues the first year. Seconded by 2VDG Chris LeBoeuf.
 - x. Lion Josh Krouth asks if there is a cap?
 - y. DG Colleen– Minimum of 20 upto how many members they get with in the first 90 days.
 - z. Additional discussion? – None
 - aa. Motion passed– IPDG Scott will make the policy manual update.
- c. (New) Fetzer Grant – Invoice for minimum of \$341.00
- i. Grant from a company associated with the class of Governors.
 - ii. Offer grants 2:1 matching grant with a max of \$7500 so = \$22000 back. All 11 districts had opportunity to take part. We put in \$341 /district. We could go up to \$500 if we want. To be used for membership development and leadership training. In the end we get double back as the third part goes to MD11.
 - iii. 2VDG Chris Leboeuf motions we go to \$500.
 - iv. Any questions. –None
 - v. Seconded by PDG Jim Svinicki.

- vi. DG Colleen Maki– It's a no brainer. Doesn't need to be budgetted. Just need to authorize treasurer to write the check.
- vii. PDG Gretchen Preston– Define leadership training.
- viii. IPDG Scott Kwarciany– Roundtables, Leadership training, zone chair training, etc.
- ix. PDG Gretchen would like to have funds to access for regional zone chair trainings, etc.
- x. DG Colleen– These funds will end up in the budget for Leadership training.
- xi. Motion passed.
- d. (New) Budget Amendments–
 - i. See Budget with yellow highlights showing amendments.
 - ii. Lion Mike Smock– all highlighted lines indicate modifications since convention. The raffle information, convention totals, garden grants, etc.
 - iii. Deficiet is same as previously approved at convention. I.e. net changes are zero.
 - iv. Questions–
 - 1. 1VDG Gary Perala– Convention \$750 + LCI funds=\$1250? –
Yes
 - v. Motion by 2VDG ChrisLeBoeuf, supported by PID Jenny Ware to accept the modified budget– motion passed.
 - vi. Lion Jenny would like to encourage all Lions in leadership roles to utilize their mileage reimbursement form for travel as a donation back to a D10 Lions Project.
 - vii. Lion Mike has the forms.
 - viii. PID Jenny– can be donated to admin fund. Fill out form and donate right back to LCIF.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Review incentive program for District Dues –
 - i. Status of 2025–2026 officer updates for Roster Book– getting close to end time (July 15th). Only 29 clubs have reported their officers to date.
 - ii. PDG Jim Svinicki needs to let Lion Mike know which clubs meet the deadline.

- iii. Plan to get updates to the roster book for those clubs that do not file in time. – IPDG Scott Kwarciany and PDG Jim will work on getting in touch with these clubs.
- iv. Need the roster book updated ASAP.
- v. PDG Jim– What was the time line for paying the dues– can't be out beyond more than 60 days past due.
- vi. Secretaries and Treasurers need to know that they will not be receiving paper bills anymore. They have to go out and fetch your own bills from now on.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Convention recap
 - i. Booklet net revenue to host club
 - ii. Convention goal should be net zero to District
- b. Zone Items
 - i. Request to swap Pickford (Region 5 Zone 1) for Rudyard (Region 5 Zone 2)
 - 1. Lion Craig Krouth– Been looking at this for a while since being zone chair. Lion Tracy covers Southern end. Rudyard is easier for Lion Tracy while Pickford is easier for Craig solely based on logistics.
 - 2. DG Colleen wanted to get this in the meeting minutes to cover the changes to the zones.
 - ii. Add Marquette Arts & Music Wellness to Region 2 Zone 2– add in meeting minutes that this will occur.
 - iii. Replacement Zone Chair Region 4 Zone 2– Chris Smith has requested to be replaced. Will continue until a replacement is found.
 - iv. Open Zone Chair Region 1 Zone 1– Still open with Baraga, Bessemer, Mountain and Ottawa. Been vacant for 5–6 years. Been covered by District Governors.
 - 1. Lion Craig Krouth – I promised that if I saw something from a zone chair perspective I'd speak up. From the middle leadership level he hears that people don't want to sit in anymore meetings. Want to put a positive spin on debating on how to spend \$200 on a brand new club that results in a

policy change. So, please keep in mind to see if there's a more efficient way to do things. Is there another way to do this?

2. PID Jenny Ware and PDG Gretchen Preston have set up a second roundtable on September 22 and will try to pull members from clubs Region 1 Zone 1 to attend.

c. Bay Cliff lawn mower Project Request–

- i. We endorse organizations and we endorse projects with beginning and ends that have a specific budget request. Bay Cliff has made a request for assistance with replacing several of their existing yard mowers. (Riding Lawn Tractors)
- ii. Looking for a motion to put out a specific request to clubs to help with this mower project. And if you have a connections with a seller– can we work on getting a discount to start.
- iii. Let DG Colleen know if clubs donate– **ear mark it to the mower project with payments going directly to Bay Cliff!**
- iv. PID Jenny Ware– Motion that we as a district support this as a project.
- v. Lion Peggy Lindeman seconds motion.
- vi. Bay De Noc already donated \$500 to this project!
- vii. PDG Gretchen Preston– Will write up the article to get to IPDG Scott Kwarciany to get it on Social Media.
- viii. DG Colleen Maki to sponsor this project till the next Cabinet Meeting.
- ix. Lion Judy Racette and PID Jenny donating their current mileage reimbursement.
- x. PDG Jim Svinicki will match donations.
- xi. Motion passed.

d. District Representative needed for Michigan Forum–

- i. DG Colleen Maki asked why D10 is not represented on this committee.
- ii. Will someone in the room be the D10 rep? Most meetings by zoom, may be asked to go down once a year.
- iii. Long 1 day event that will cover several training topics with break out rooms, guest speakers, etc.
- iv. Lion Josh Trader is interested.

11. GAT TEAM REPORTS – (GST, GMT, GLT, GET)

- a. Service–PDG Jim Svinicki–Nothing since Tuesday. Hope to finish strong.
- b. Membeship– IPDG Scott Kwarciany– Goal is set by LCIF. Last year 125 new members, but charter members do not count they have to join existing club. Charter a new club–done. Net gain of “–8” for goal– we finished at +15. This years goals is +10 with 128 new members and 1 new club.
- c. Extension– IPDG Scott– help and form new clubs. Looking in the Garden area and each club needs a membership chair.
- d. District Administrator– We are struggling to get PDG Joe Maki listed as the Administrator with LCIF.

12. ZONE/COMMITTEE REPORTS–

- a. Judy Racette– No report.
- b. Josh Trader– working with 1VDG Gary Perala to transition to the Diabetes Chair.
- c. 2VDG Chris leBoeuf– Hunger Chair– opening gardens in several areas and some already looking to expand.
- d. IPDG Scott Kwarciany– All state band is leaving for band camp tomorrow and then onto Orlando. Stopping in Ashville with LCIF to do some clean up.
- e. Socila Media– IPDG Scott is taking this on. Local vendor to host our site. Scott has been trying to get ahold of this guy, but he is ghosting us. Scott will be stopping by in person to get the log in information. Can not accesss the website. May have to take other actions to get control of this back.
 - i. 1VDG Gary– Are we as a district prepared to invest in the technology needed to get the website we need?
 - ii. Ticktock and Instagram is where we’ll reach the younger generation.

13. GOVERNOR TEAM COMMENTS – (IPDG, 2ND VDG; 1ST VDG, DG)

- a. IPDG ScottKwarciany– nothing further.
 - i. Mission 1.5– 1.5 million members by 2027. Membership in constitutional 1– (US, Bahamas, etc.) has been on a steady decline.
 - ii. New clubs, new club types, etc.– Need younger generation.

- iii. Can't keep doing things the same way.
- b. 2nd VDG ChrisLeBoeuf- Been busy- ready to relax for a while.
- c. 1st VDG Gary Perala- Thank all the vets for their service. Excited for new club.
 - i. Lion Gary was trying to find Colleen a cake- A guy in side recognized Gary and told him that the work that Lions do is awesome! And took a moment to pray over both Lion Gary and Lion Gretchen.
- d. DG Colleen Maki-
 - i. Goals have been submitted. Some have been assigned. We have about 1/3 of our membership. There are still 7 faternal clubs- if they stay out of trouble, we are fine with that. Want to look at the model of the Marquette club. We are a very traditional district. Lot of successes in specialty clubs. Hard to integrate new members into these traditional clubs. Want to work on specialty or branch clubs. Please take a moment to read Colleens Governor report.
 - 1. PDG Gretchen Preston- As we move forward to recruit new members we need to be open to members who identify differently, members of color. We are open to everyone to join the Lions club.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn- By Lion Peggy Lindeman, seconded by 2VDG Chris LeBoeuf.

Attendance: Cabinet Secretary Peggy Lindeman, Cabinet Treasurer Mike Smock, DG Colleen Maki, 2VDG Chris LeBoeuf, 1VDG Gary Perala, Lion Judy Racette, PDG Gretchen Preston, PDG Jim Svinicki, PDG Joe Maki, IPDG Scott Kwarciany, Lion Josh Trader, Lion Janice Frizzell, Lion Doug Davis, PID Jenny Ware